

**REMARKS**

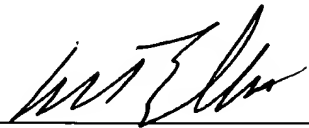
The specification has been amended to include a reference to the provisional application on which the present application is based.

Examination on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 18, 2001

By



FOLEY & LARDNER  
Washington Harbour  
3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109  
Telephone: (202) 672-5485  
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

William T. Ellis  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 26,874